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### 'TIS BETTER NOT TO KNOW'

You say you love me—can I trust  
That she, by many words,  
By me, at length, has had her heart  
To constancy subdued?  
Perhaps some other love is there?  
But do not tell me so:  
When knowledge will but bring us grief,  
'Tis better not to know.

Perhaps that eye has beamed with love  
In days I knew not thee,  
That ruby lip that best in smiles  
For others than for me;  
But let that lip its silence keep.  
I'll trust its love like above;  
Since knowledge would but bring me grief,  
'Tis better not to know.

Oh! what a simple love is mine!  
Whose wishes make me glad;  
But let me think you love me still,  
—and I'll be glad indeed!

'Tis better that the eye never see  
Than that its tears should flow  
When knowledge would but bring us grief,  
'Tis better not to know.

### The Muscoe Case.

The case of William Muscoe, alias Thomas Jordan, convicted of the murder of a police-officer at Charlottesville, and sentenced to be hanged, was argued in the Supreme Court of Appeals, last Tuesday and Wednesday.

James H. Hayes, Esq., and Samuel Page, Esq., appeared for the prisoner and Attorney General Scott for the Commonwealth. The points upon which this second appeal is made is first for a change of venue; second the jury wrongly instructed by the judge and third; the prisoner was not convicted according to evidence.

On the first appeal the Supreme Court set aside the verdict and remanded the prisoner to be tried.

Efforts were made to lynch him, but owing to the law abiding spirit of those of the state, it was not accomplished. Muscoe is now in the Lynchburg jail awaiting the action of the Supreme Court. Mr. Hayes has taken a personal interest in the case spending his personal means in order to bring about a successful termination. The decision is expected to be announced next Thursday.

### WHITE MEN LYNCH A MAN.

A Soul Sent Into Eternity—Can Virginians Maintain The Law—The Murders.

Thaddeus Fowlkes, a colored man charged with the murder of a white man named Yancey, had been taken from Keyesville, Va. to Danville, for safe keeping. Last Monday being Court day, he was taken to Charlottesville, C. Va. for trial. Through his counsel, Fowlkes elected to be tried in the Circuit Court. The judge ordered that he be taken back to Danville.

As the party neared Drakes Branch on the 2d inst. at about 6 p. m., a party of white men took the colored man from the officers and changed him to a tree. The prisoner could not resist as his hand were manacled and his arms bound also with ropes. He was tied very much as one would be who was about to be hanged on the gallows.

There was no attempt made to defend this helpless man.

The rope was thrown over the limb. In the darkness only the forms of the men could be seen.

Fowlkes, trembling in every limb was led under the tree, the noose adjusted and the last words he ever heard were "Draw him up, boys." So say the witnesses. He writhed and twisted. The body swung to and fro owing to the contortions of the dying man who was being slowly choked to death. It was a horrible sight.

The crowd then dispersed.

Robert Street who was in jail in Danville, upon a charge of petty larceny, upon which charge he was tried and discharged, said:

"I saw him in jail yesterday morning, (Tuesday 2d), before they took him away. I told him he would not live to get half way to Keyesville. The white man said, 'Damn him, if he don't keep quiet, he won't live to get to Keyesville.' We shook hands with him and told him good-bye."

Fowlkes said nothing but cried. He had a wife and a brother.

### A \$1,000 offer to the Colored Y. M. C. A.

C. P. Huntington, Esq., ex-President of the C. and O. Systems of Railroads has kindly offered to give our Association \$1,000 when they will have raised the balance of the amount needed to pay off the debt.

Shall it be raised? Let every man say "yes" and it will be done.

This Association is intended for all and all should help to bear the burden. How many men will give \$1.00. Everybody must give something, and we know every body will do something.

The ladies are going to hold the grandest Bazaar yet given at the New Odd Fellow's Hall on 3rd St., next week. Every body is going. A fine programme has been arranged for each night.

W. A. Hutton, General Secretary of the Norfolk Association, and Secretary among colored College Young Men, is here to help raise \$1,140 in three weeks. He has every body at work, young men, business men, and professional men and every man is doing his duty nobly. Don't fail to do your part however small or you will feel bad when the money is raised and you have had no hand in it. Young men, see what you can do, and

let us show to the world that we are not behind. Come up like a man and help the Association and thereby you help yourself and your race.

—Rev. C. S. Boston, formerly of Roanoke, lately of Philadelphia is in the city, the guest of Rev. Z. D. Lewis.

We saw a magnificent set of dress regalia manufactured by Mr. W. M. T. Forrester. It was the finest specimen of the kind we ever saw and was made for a brother Odd Fellow in Puerto Plata, San Domingo [West India Islands]. We did not know he received orders from such a far-away place until then. We are proud that such workmanship can be accredited to Richmond.

—Now, you needn't jump that way, Mr. John M. Higgins will sell you fine groceries, wines and liquors, he's reliable. Give him a call.

—The proposition to apportion taxes paid by Colored people only to Colored schools is unconstitutional.

—The First Baptist Church of this city, Rev. J. H. Holmes, pastor is out of debt.

—Don't stand on you head, Mr. Peter Nardl will sell you anything in his line at the most reasonable rates.

—The Diamond Hill Bapt. Church, Rev. A. Gordon pastor, is the handsomest church for its size in the state.

—Yes, you have tears in your eyes. Is your relative dead? There comes Mr. W. L. Johnson. Tell him your troubles and he'll accommodate you.

—If you really want bargains, call on Messrs. A. & L. Gans & Co. They are selling below cost. Call and get what you want.

—Rev. A. H. Lewis, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Va., died of apoplexy and was buried from the Zion Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon. There was immense attendance. The Elder was well-known throughout the state.

—If you need board, lodging etc., call at the Custalo House. They will treat you right.

—S. M. Brown at Danville, Va., reports that a fire occurred in the closet of his house. In the excitement clothes were thrown in the street, among which was his overcoat containing ninety-two and eight-seven cents and some bonds. This money was the rent for the True Reformers hall in that city and Mr. Brown was the treasurer.

—Do you hear that delightful music, Messrs. M. B. Ramos & Co. will accommodate you with an instrument which will render much more of the same kind. See advertisement.

—There will be a Grand Temperance Mass Meeting at Chickahominy Church, Toana, James City Co. Va., on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 12 M. Speakers from Richmond are expected. Come every body and help us in this grand effort.

—Miss Margaret E. Seay, formerly of Powhatan, but late of Richmond, left on Nov. 27, 1890, at 1:45 a. m., via the R. & D. Ry. to spend the winter with relatives and friends. We regret witnessing the departure of her company, but while there we hope her a pleasant time, also we hope she arrived safe.

[OST—Between Broad and Brooke Ave. Pension papers in an envelope, the name on the back of which was "Marietta Roper." The finder will please return them to Mrs. Marietta Roper 400, W. Duval St., or at the PLANET Office 814 E. Broad St.

### A Brilliant Marriage

The Contralia Baptist Church was crowded to its utmost capacity Wednesday evening Nov. 26. The occasion being the marriage of Miss Fannie B. Robinson to the well known Mr. Willie Glenn.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the bridal party entered the church in the following order, Mr. Charles Fisher and the groom the bride leaning on the arm of Mr. P. Glenn. Miss Rosa Trent acted as maid of honor. Rev. W. R. Brown performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner under a beautiful arch of lovely flowers made by Mrs. Matilda Roper, Mrs. Lucy Howlett and others. The presents were numerous and costly. Reception at Mr. William Robinson. They will reside Drewry's Bluff, Va. Mr and Mrs P. H. Robinson was among the happy guest.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Guss Taylor was brilliantly lighted up Wednesday evening, Nov. 19, 1890, at 6 o'clock, to welcome friends to witness the marriage of her sister Janpie A. Quarles to Mr. Nathan Lowry of Charleston, W. Va. The couple were united in holy wed lock at 6:35 o'clock, by Rev. James H. Holmes, pastor.

A reception was given there by Mr. and Mrs. G. Taylor from 7 until 10 o'clock, and a lovely bouquet of natural flowers. The ushers were Mr. A. L. Jimmerson and Mr. John H. Clarkson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowry received many handsome presents and congratulations. The happy couple left on the 10:30 train on the C. and O., for their future home in Goshen, Rockbridge County, West Virginia.

### DANVILLE ITEMS.

What the Editor Saw—Enterprising Colored Men—A Growing City—Milestones of Progress

Danville, Va., is indeed a city of tobacco factories. The dullness of the tobacco trade therefore affects to a remarkable degree the finance of the laboring portion of the community and reacts upon the merchants from whom they buy.

No locality is blessed with a more open-hearted people than this "city on the Dan." The ministers wield a widespread influence especially among the Colored people, and the hard-working deep thinking Rev. J. L. Barksdale, the genial, but tireless Rev. W. F. Graham are bright lights whose rays are most potent in shaping the intellectual welfare and moral condition of the Colored people of this section.

Mrs. T. G. Gladman and her attractive daughter, Addie, of Lynchburg were visiting Mrs. Wesley H. Jones nee Gladman. They left for home Monday morning.

Rev. J. L. Barksdale preached an inspiring sermon at the High Street Baptist Church, Sunday the 30th ult. from Romans 15:4.

Mr. A. P. Patrick is conducting a business in vegetables, fish and oysters at 114 Market St. Mr. J. S. Graves has a large establishment at 126 Market St. where he accommodates all hands. Meals furnished on the shortest notice, also lodgings, confectioneries, oysters, etc., on hand and ice-cream furnished at any time desired.

Rev. J. L. Barksdale owns property in Lynchburg which has been estimated at \$10,000 and 30 acres near Buena Vista, for which he has been offered \$1000 per acre for 17 acres of it and declined to take it. He has rented and furnished a fine residence in Danville and will move his family there from Lynchburg. The High Street Baptist Church of which he is pastor is now out of debt and the congregation is happy. I. D. Davis, dealer in fine groceries, confectioneries, country produce, cigars and tobacco, is doing well and sticks close to business.

Rev. W. F. Graham preached a stirring sermon at the Loyal Street Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon, 30th inst. to an appreciative congregation. He has succeeded in getting this beautiful edifice out of debt and has won the hearts of his congregation. He has built a handsome residence on Holbrook street, and lives in peace and happiness with his wife and little ones.

The leading Colored merchant in this locality now is T. G. Baanister, a man who appears to have been born for the work. There is no trait of the average down-town salesman that he doesn't possess. He deals in groceries, cigars and tobacco, country produce, dry goods, boots and shoes at his establishment 213 and 217 Union St. and had the audacity to try sell a newspaper editor a suit of clothes, which certainly showed his tenacity of purpose to do business. He has been quite sick but is much improved. He is estimated to be worth between forty and fifty thousand dollars, on which subject however he is reticent.

Few men with the same obstacles would have succeeded in doing what Rev. E. F. Eggleston, the Presbyterian minister has done, in the same length of time. He has built a large three-story frame building 44x50, known as the Danville Industrial High School. It is not yet completed but will contain 10 class rooms and one large hall in the 3rd story. The industrial department will be on the first floor. Rev. Eggleston is superintendent and Prof. J. R. Barrett, and Misses Ida Mebane and Emma Ivy, teachers. This is indeed a grand work, one that is needed by the race. Fronting on the street, apparently in the rear of this large building the Elder has built a cosy home in which he, his wife and children reside.

Messrs. R. P. France and W. L. Williamson are doing a fine business at 110 Union street where they have fine wines, liquors etc., billiards and pool. The place is attractively fixed up and shows conclusively that these progressive young men understand the business.

We were indeed surprised when we were shown by George P. Holland the large wood and coal business he is conducting. He deals in groceries, confectioneries, and vegetable, etc. He has a five horse power engine with which he saws all of his wood. His wood and coal yard is the largest possessed by any colored man in the state. He has lately purchased a fine horse and wagon, and seems to be doing well in every way. He is at 236 Union street.

P. S. Brodnax, dealer in groceries and confectionaries in the store adjoining.

The True Reformers' Building is a fine investment. The price paid for it was far below its actual value. The income is 24 per cent. on the amount paid. The location is at 229, 231, 233 Union street. It contains 4 lodge rooms and 12 rooms rented to private families.

The building has been thoroughly renovated. Wesley H. Jones is doing a fine business at 215 Main street. He sells confectioneries, serves meals at all hours and deals in country produce. His place is so well known that he and his assistants William H. Holmes, cook; W. O. Palmer and Humphrey Francis are kept constantly employed. He is now renovating and repairing his place of business. He

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has worked up a remarkable circulation of the PLANET. Boys run to and fro crying the Negro journal from Richmond. He has a cosy residence on Lee Ave. at which resides his accomplished wife. We were grandly entertained there and didn't care to leave.

Holbrook St. School is under the principalship of Prof. W. F. Grasty. He is thoroughly interested in the work and shows an adaptability for the duties assigned him that is gratifying. The pupils are admirably instructed by Misses Pollie M. Barksdale, Ivy, M. C. Scott, and Mesdames M. G. Henderson, M. V. C. West, Ada Buford.

At 502 Gray street J. M. Clark has a fine confectionery. He is assisted by his devoted wife. He is blessed with Ollie a bright-eyed precocious little girl of three years. The energetic C. N. Hawkins of Reidsville, N. C. was the city but for home.

Rev. E. L. Everett, an attractive grocery and is doing well at 504 Loyal St.

William Norris is doing a successful business. Groceries, confectionaries etc., on hand, at 249 Union St. S. M. Brown has an attractive place. He deals in confectioneries. The Shiloh Baptist Church on Jackson's Branch, Rev. E. L. Everett, pastor is an attractive structure. The old church was blown down in 1889, but at a cost of \$1400, Rev. E. L. Everett has reared another in its stead. He has built and completed the New Hope Baptist Church at Danville. He deserves great credit and should be congratulated.

Isaiah Peterson, 428 Holbrook street is doing grocery business. He also has another establishment.

Dr. D. A. Robinson, the Colored physician has made rapid progress. He has one child and has purchased a brick residence on Gay St.

The Jackson Branch Public Schools considering the facilities are among the best in the State. Prof. S. D. Mills is well fitted for the work and we would pronounce him an adept at the art.

We addressed his school after having been welcomed by original remarks from the pupils, both male and female. Mr. W. A. Yancey was present and delivered a most practical

address. Miss Carrie Epps has a large school. She was assisted by Miss Mary Smith. Miss Annie Graves was found presiding over the young-est. They gave immediate attention.

E. W. Hatcher has a fine grocery, also wines, liquors and country produce. He has enlarged his business and purchased additional property. We dined at Mrs. Lou Jackson's residence in Danville Wednesday afternoon.

Messrs. C. H. and M. E. Smith who were burnt out have enlarged their business and sell groceries, country produce, cigars and tobacco. J. R. Younger attends to the fresh meat stand.

Alexander Epps has made a wonderful progress. His large establishment is a surprise to all beholders. He deals in groceries, confectioneries, boots, shoes, country produce, wines and liquors.

M. B. Johns has one of the finest residences owned by Colored men in Danville. It was built at a cost of \$3000 and he and his bride of a few months are happy. It is richly furnished and shows what a hard working man may do. Mr. Johns is a blacksmith by profession.

James L. Barrett and Son, conduct a grocery business on Union street. Mr. Barrett is a blacksmith, and has been at the trade for over 50 years.

L. Cunningham has a confectionery at his residence on Holbrook St. His wife attends to it for him.

We were much pleased with the recitations in the rooms of Misses Barksdale, Ivy, Scott and Mesdames Henderson, West and Buford and Mr. Ivy. They are the right ones in the right places.

We were welcomed at the residence of Mr. W. Preston Watkins and enjoyed our stay there. Miss Elenora is teaching at Ringgold, Va., and Miss Mary near Danville. Misses Maria, Lavelett and Virginia are as lively as ever. We did not desire to leave the tobacco city.

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